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SEN. FULBRIGHT SAID AFTER HEARING TOP CIA OFFICIALS FOR ALMOST FOUR HOURS TODAY THAT THE ILL-FATED CUBAN INVASION WAS THE "COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY" OF SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

THE ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT SAID "I DON'T THINK ANY ONE PERSON OR AGENCY" WAS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE BUT THAT U.S. AID FOR THE REBEL EFFORT WAS "DECIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AS A WHOLE."

HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE INVASION WAS A "MISTAKE," BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE LONG CLOSED DOOR SESSION BY THE COMMITTEE.

DULLES MET WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR AN HOUR AND 45 MINUTES BEFORE LEAVING FOR A NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE. BASSELL WAS QUESTIONED FOR ANOTHER TWO HOURS AND FIVE MINUTES.

SOME SENATORS WHO LEFT THE MEETING EARLY INDICATED THE SECRET BRIEFING WAS FOCUSED MAINLY ON THE MILITARY WEAKNESS OF THE INVASION. BUT FULBRIGHT SAID IT WAS A GENERAL REVIEW AND THAT EVERY ASPECT OF THE INCIDENT WAS EXPLORED AT LENGTH.

HE SAID DULLES GAVE NO INDICATION AS TO WHETHER HE WAS LEAVING AS CIA DIRECTOR, AS REPORTED IN SOME QUARTERS. NOR WAS DULLES ASKED, FULBRIGHT SAID.

FULBRIGHT WOULD NOT DISCUSS DETAILS OF THE BRIEFING BUT SAID IT WAS "QUITE OBVIOUS THAT A MISTAKE WAS MADE." HOWEVER, HE SAID, "I DON'T WANT TO SINGLE OUT THE CIA."